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LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST LEAGUE

The April 1, 1951, issue of "Socialist Views", self-described as the official discussion bulletin of the Libertarian Socialist League (LSL), Box 770, General Post Office, New York 1, New York, reflects that the organization was founded at Genoa City, Wisconsin, in June, 1949. On pages 12-14 in this issue of Socialist Views there is contained a statement of the program of the LSL.

In summary, the LSL is against capitalism as in the United States and "Bureaucratic collectivism" as in the Soviet Union and wants to establish a "Democratic Socialist Society" in their places. The LSL is against armaments and militarism and supports struggles to impede or delay the war drive and directs their main blows against the economic system which makes war. The LSL is for a "Socialist Revolution". The LSL believes that the "State Machinery" cannot achieve Socialism and the LSL has the task to eliminate and destroy it.

The LSL stands for "Revolutionary Democratic Socialism" and does not believe that it can be achieved by parliamentary methods. To achieve socialism the LSL believes that a disciplined and democratic Revolutionary Socialist group must be organized to bring forth a Socialist program, and then stress the need of class action to achieve it.

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YOUNG PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA;
YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper which ceased publication on January 13, 1958, in its issue of February 11, 1947, page 4, column 5, described the Young Progressive Citizens of America (YPCA) as a newly formed organization.

[redacted] a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), advised on March 15, 1948, that at that time the CP was instructing its youth groups to join the YPCA and then attempt to take over leadership of that organization.

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[redacted] a self-admitted former member of the CP, advised on November 19, 1948, that she had learned that the YPCA was among those groups which the CP directed and led for the purpose of organizing the broader masses of the people. She further advised that she had learned that the YPCA merged with the Young Progressives of America at the founding convention of the latter group in July, 1948, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA

The Progressive Citizens of America (PCA) was cited as a "new and broader Communist front for the entire United States" formed in September, 1946, at the direction of "Communist steering committees" from the "Communist-dominated National Citizens Political Action Committee" and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (ICCASP).

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports of 1947, P. 369, and 1948, P. 354.)

The ICCASP was cited as a Communist front.

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1954 on the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally released April 19, 1949, p. 2; and House Report 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1955, pp. 11 and 12.)

AMERICAN FORUM FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION,
Also known as American Forum

According to an article appearing in the May 13, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 1, column 2, A.J. MUSTE, "well known pacifist," announced the formation of the American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE). According to this article, the American Forum seeks to promote "study and serious untrammelled political discussions among all elements that think of themselves as related to historic socialist and labor traditions, values and objectives...however deep and bitter their differences may have been." The article reflects that among other purposes, the AFSE seeks to call attention to the various publications of the groups whose people engage in discussion; to publish bulletins or pamphlets; to organize regional and national conferences; contribute to the building of new morale and ethic, a spirit of fair play, labor militancy, determination and hope among the progressive and radical forces in this country.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended operations on January 13, 1958.

On May 24, 1960, [redacted] AFSE, Chicago, Illinois. was interviewed under appropriate pretext by an Agent of the FBI. [redacted] stated the Chicago AFSE is not guided or directed by the New York group but has been guided by the precepts of that group.

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[redacted] stated that the AFSE is a broad forum which includes members from various "liberal groups" on its executive committee, including such persons as [redacted] and [redacted]

On May 23, 1961 [redacted] was again contacted under pretext and advised the AFSE continues to hold public meetings at various times in Chicago, and has no official headquarters in Chicago.

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According to a source, [redacted] is a former member of the National Committee, Communist Party (CP), USA, who resigned in October, 1958 from the CP because of policy differences.

According to a second source, [redacted] was a member of a shoe workers group in the Johnstone Section, CP of Illinois, until the latter part of 1955, at which time he officially dropped out of the Party because he had signed a non-Communist affidavit with the National Labor Relations Board.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

1. Cited as a Communist front which was "the result of a united front gathering of young Socialists and Communists" in Columbus, Ohio in 1935. The Young Communist League took credit for the creation of the organization, which offered free trips to the Soviet Union. It claimed to have led as many as 500,000 students out in annual April 22 strikes in the United States.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report, H. R. 2, January 3, 1939, p. 80; also cited in Annual Reports, H. R. 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 9, H. R. 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 16; and in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 159.)

2. Cited as subversive and un-American.

(Special Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, Report, April 21, 1943, p. 3.)

FIRST FRIENDS OF AFRICA;
Formerly First Friends of Ghana

A source advised in June, 1961, that [redacted] of the Chicago Urban League, [redacted] the organization known as First Friends of Africa. Source advised that until recently this organization was known as First Friends of Ghana, but it was changed to First Friends of Africa so as to include all the countries of Africa within its scope.

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The source further advised that the aims and purposes of the First Friends of Africa are to promote cultural and economic exchange between the United States and Africa. [redacted]

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[redacted] in pursuit of the aims and purposes of this organization.

A second source advised that [redacted] had been suggested as a possible nominee to the Communist Political Association (CPA) State Committee of Ohio in August, 1945, but he was dropped as being among those less qualified. Before [redacted] name was suggested, it was stated that individuals must have been in good standing with the Communist Party (CP) for the previous two years to be eligible to serve on the State Committee.

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The CPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A third source advised in April 1950 that [redacted] had been a member of [redacted] of the National Negro Congress in 1936.

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The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fourth source advised in March, 1950 that he does not believe that [redacted] is a member of the CP. He said the general impression he got from leaders of

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the CP in Chicago is that [redacted] not only is not a member of the CP but he resents the Party's efforts to use him. This source explained this further by stating [redacted] was almost forced to accept [redacted] of the Conference to End Mob Violence in Chicago. He said this was accomplished due to the fact that [redacted] believed it was a coalition organization and not a Communist-inspired conference.

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A characterization of the Conference to End Mob Violence in Chicago appears elsewhere in this report.

**CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE**

Cited as a "local auxiliary" of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

"Literature of the Chicago Rosenberg Committee lists

[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] The actual operation of the organization was under the direction of [redacted] * * * who drew a salary of \$85 a week from the National Committee".

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(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell", August 25, 1956, p. 72.)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

1. Cited as a Communist front "organized at least as early as November 1951" to conduct the United States phase of "a mammoth propaganda campaign designed to obliterate the crime (of) and exploit the ROSENBERGS and their codefendant, MORTON SOBELL, for the purposes of international communism." [redacted] the committee had national headquarters at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, and more than 40 local affiliates throughout the country. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 1, 13, 21, 63 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 3 and 29-33) b6
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2. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

COMMITTEE FOR PEACEFUL
ALTERNATIVES TO THE ATLANTIC PACT

"As part of Soviet psychological warfare against the United States, Communist fronts seek to paralyze America's will to resist Communist aggression by idealizing Russia's aims and methods, discrediting the United States, spreading defeatism and demoralization * * * Specializing in this field * * * have been such organizations as * * * the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact * * * "

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 90, also p. 96.)

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To: SAC, Chicago (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed for Chicago is a copy of a State Department memorandum dated 11-25-64 which contains information regarding captioned subject. It is noted your office has reopened your investigation of subject and has pointed out that he is connected with an institution of learning. Your investigation should be discreet and should be conducted in conformance with Bureau instructions as set forth in Section 87D, pages 24 and 25 of the Manual of Instructions. Bureau authority should be obtained prior to any interview with subject. The results of investigation in this matter should be submitted in report form.

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when the Congo crisis first erupted. I visited there in 1959. I met LUMUMBA the second time he was ever out of the Congo when he came to Ghana in December, 1958. LUMUMBA was a beer salesman, had some high school education, and had only been out of the Congo twice. He went to Brussels in 1958 to attend the international exposition and he went to Ghana in December, 1958. He had never been to Moscow. LUMUMBA was anti-communist, I might add ..."

"The Roosevelt Torch," the student publication of Roosevelt University, on page 1, column 3, of its issue of November 9, 1964, contains an article entitled "RU Hosts Meeting of 'Crossroads Africa.'" This article in part states as follows:

"Professor ST. CLAIR DRAKE, acting chairman of the Sociology department, spoke to the convention after lunch. He stressed:

" 'Progress is contingent upon a redirection of the goals and values of youth. Therefore there is a struggle for control of propaganda and education organs. First, the low status of manual labor must be raised. People with only ten years of education want white-collar jobs. The few people who are educated feel snobbishly superior since only 15 to 25 per cent of the Africans are literate.

" 'Secondly,' DRAKE went on, 'the style of study must be changed. Students study to pass exams, not to learn. All their education has been geared to pass the West Africa Examination Council standardized tests.'

"Peace Corps teachers have often remarked that such educated students cannot participate in discussion and have difficulty thinking creatively. Fresh thought is a necessity for Africa, said the sociology professor.

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"The archaic social system must be broken down. A few years ago, when I was at the University of Ghana, help cleaned up each individual dormitory room daily and served as waiters in the dining room. Old porters carried the student's bags from the dorms to transportation only a few hundred feet away. The illiterate help for the most part was badly mistreated.

"Now there is an attempt at reform," said DRAKE. "Students must serve themselves cafeteria style once a week, and that dictator NKRUMAH is trying to break this all up," he said sarcastically.

"Some African states, DRAKE said, believe the redirection of goals and values is best done by totalitarian states.

"Youth groups such as the Young Pioneers, which are patriotic and nationalistic, are established in every secondary school unit.

"The complaints about the totalitarian geared youth groups have been limited. An Anglican bishop attacked the Young Pioneers for the conclusion of their oath of loyalty, which says "Kwame Nkrumah never dies." His harangue was ill timed, coming just two weeks after an attempted assassination of the Ghanaese President. The bishop caused quite a stir, and was recalled to England. A few weeks later, he returned to his post," mentioned DRAKE.

"The Catholics have been a bit smarter in voicing their opposition to the youth groups," he went on. "They have an advisory committee of Africans on youth organization problems." The professors continued to say that Israeli youth groups have been most exemplary to the Young Pioneers."

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Background

CG T-6 advised on January 28, 1965, that JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE has been on the faculty of Roosevelt University since September, 1964. He was born January 2, 1911, at Suffolk, Virginia, and currently resides at 826 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. As of the fall quarter, 1964, he was acting chairman of the Sociology Department and a Professor of Sociology.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
February 5, 1965

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CHARACTER: REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA

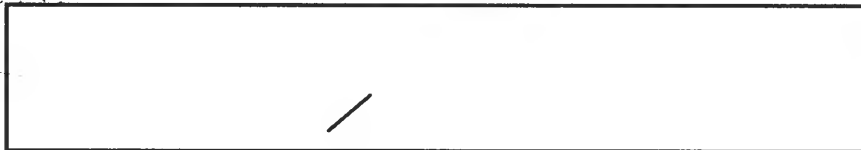
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All sources (except any listed below) whose
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852)

DATE: 4/28/65

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (97-349) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE
REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA

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DATE 2/15/00 BY 60267 NLS/MLC/PA

For the information of San Francisco, the subject, a professor of sociology at Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, was the subject of a Registration Act investigation by Chicago in the recent past based on the allegation that he has assisted the Ghana Embassy in gathering information regarding anti-Nkrumah students in Chicago. He has made annual trips to Africa for many years and is regarded as an expert on the political and economic development of Africa. He has shown a particular interest in Ghana and has developed a close personal friendship with President NKRUMAH whom he defends against the accusations that NKRUMAH is pro-Communist. DRAKE has taken leaves of absence to teach at the University of Ghana and in 1962 was employed by the Peace Corps to "settle in" Peace Corps representatives in Ghana. He was formerly a member of the National Negro Congress and has associated with several CP front groups. Because of a letter to the Chicago Office of the FBI unfairly criticizing the Bureau for investigating him in connection with his Peace Corps application, the Bureau has advised that DRAKE is not to be contacted without prior Bureau authority.

The February 22, 1965, issue of the "Roosevelt Torch" published by the student body of Roosevelt University, Chicago, contained an article on page 10, column 1, that the subject had accepted an invitation from the Institute of African Affairs of the University of Ghana to teach there for three months in the spring of 1965. It was stated that he will lead a graduate seminar on urbanization in Africa and will spend his "summer leisure" on a research study of the new port city of Tema in Ghana.

On April 19, 1965, [redacted]

[redacted] that Professor DRAKE is presently residing

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with his family at 245 Leland Avenue, Palo Alto, California. She stated he will leave for Ghana sometime around May 1 and has a leave of absence from Roosevelt University until September, 1965. He has been commuting between Palo Alto and Chicago during the previous semesters but she was unsure of the reason for this.

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AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA. 1. Will verify subject's residence at 245 Leland Avenue, Palo Alto; and determine if his family will remain at this address or travel with him to Ghana.

2. Will determine from sources [redacted] if DRAKE or [redacted] have been connected with that institution during the past academic year. It is noted that [redacted]

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3. Will determine from sources [redacted] if DRAKE or his wife are involved in any activities concerning African students, particularly students from Ghana.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852)

DATE: 5-24-65

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-17636) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE
RA - GHANA

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 4-28-65;
Bureau airtel to Chicago and San Francisco dated 5-12-65.

No record of Subject located in the files of the
Palo Alto Credit Bureau as reviewed on 5-7-65.

The current Palo Alto, California, Telephone
Directory lists ST. CLAIR DRAKE as a subscriber at 245
Leland Street, Palo Alto, California.

Stanford University student directories fail
to reflect any information concerning the Subject or his
wife, however, the student directory reflects that a

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[REDACTED] advised on
5-10-65, that ST. CLAIR DRAKE, born 1-2-11, Suffolk,
Virginia, who is a professor at Roosevelt City, Chicago,
has been appointed a visiting professor in the Sociology
Department at Stanford University for the autumn quarter
of 1965. [REDACTED] had no additional information con-
cerning DRAKE and none concerning his wife.

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Established sources at Stanford University could furnish no information indicating that the Subject and/or his wife are at the present time in any way connected with Stanford University other than mentioned above, and none could furnish any information concerning activities on the part of these individuals with African students at Stanford.

It is suggested that if Chicago believes it necessary to determine if Subject's family is to travel with him, that WFO be requested to check passport records to determine if they are to accompany him. It is noted that 245 Leland, Palo Alto, California, is a single unit dwelling and established sources are not available in this neighborhood.

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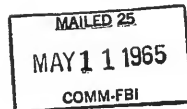
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Re Chicago letter 4-28-65.

Inquiries made by San Francisco at Stanford University, as requested by Chicago in relet, should be made with established sources only.

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Letter to Washington Field
Re: John Gibbs St. Clair Drake

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Clair Drake. Is identical with applicant and pertinent
utilize in connection with instant investigation.
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-1367)

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

ReBulet to WFO dated 10/4/61.

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On 10/9/61, IC [] reviewed the files
of the HCUA and the General Indices contained the following
references:

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Card #1 PROF. ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to
the Atlantic Pact
Signer of Statement Calling for International
Agreement to Ban Use of Atomic Weapons.
Statement attached to Press Release of
December 14, 1949, p. 5
Associate Prof. of Sociology,
Roosevelt College, Chicago, Illinois

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Card #2 J. G. ST. CLAIR DRAKE (PROF)

Civil Rights Congress
Additional Sponsor, Bill of Rights Conference
"Call to a Bill of Rights Conference," New
York City, July 16-17, 1949, p.5

Card #3 ST. CLAIR DRAKE

National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill
(Chicago Chapter)
Chicago Sponsor

Card #4 ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Mentioned in report of the Seditious Activities
Investigation Commission, State of Illinois,
1949 Vol. II, p. 75

Card #5 ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Signer of "Statement by Negro Americans," in
behalf of arrested communist leaders.
The Worker, August 29, 1949, p. 11
(Clipping: C. P. General).
Illinois

Card #6 ST. CLAIR DRAKE

National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill
Signer of statement
Daily Worker, 4-3-50 p. 4

Card #7 ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Champion
Contributor
Champion, 2-37, p. 19

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Card #8 ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Member of the committee sponsoring a lecture to be given by W.E.B. DU BOIS, May 21, in the Dunbar School auditorium, Chicago. Article states DU BOIS will be "hailed as 'the man of the country.'"

The Worker, 5-18-58, p. 12
"Author & lecturer."

Card #9 ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Member of the sponsoring committee for the meeting and \$25 a plate dinner honoring W.E.B. DU BOIS as the 'man of the century,' held in Chicago the first week of June. DRAKE made the presentation of an honorary scroll to DU BOIS.

The Worker, June 8, 1958, p. 13

"Author & Lecturer."

These files contained no additional pertinent information.

WFO will report information contained in files of HCUA as being utilized during the course of this investigation.

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To: SACs, Boston
New York
Chicago

From: Director, FBI (161-1681)

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka
SA PC-A

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letterhead memorandum refers to Professor St. Clair Drake.
(105-92451-7)

ReNYfile 105-40092. Rerep SA [REDACTED]
7/14/61. Page 20 refers to Dr. St. Clair Drake. (105-87964-100)

ReCGfile 100-4062. Rerep SA [REDACTED]
10/18/60. Page 22 refers to John St. Clair who stated he
was member of CP. (100-14167-216)

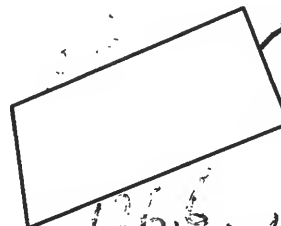
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5/11/43. Page 21 refers to St. Clair Drake. (100-122319-25)

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-1367)

JOHN GIDDS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

ReBulet to WFO dated 10/4/61, carbon copy to
Chicago. Buded 11/3/61.

On 10/16/61, IC [] caused a search to
be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations,
Civil Service Commission, and these files contained the
following sources which refer to Professor J. G. ST. CLAIR
DRAKE, Roosevelt College:

1. Summary of Trends and Developments, Vol. III, No. 8,
August 1949 page 8 of the Report on Bill of Rights
Conference.

2. The Worker, 8/29/48, page 11
5/10/58, page 12
6/8/58, page 13

3. Daily Worker 4/3/50, page 4
11/21/52, page 5

4. Special Report, Seditious Activities Investigation
Commission, State of Illinois, Investigation of the
University of Chicago and Roosevelt College, 1949,
pages 75 and 76

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5. Appendix to Hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, Communist Political subversion, Part 2, page 7202.

Chicago report pertinent information. WFO reporting files of CSC being utilized.

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PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT
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For info Richmond, applicant is Negro male, born 1/2/11, Suffolk, Virginia, son of JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR and BESSIE LEE (BOWLES) DRAKE. Main employment since 1946 has been as assistant professor and professor of sociology and anthropology Roosevelt College, Chicago. Wife is ELIZABETH DEWEY JOHNS DRAKE whom he married 1/17/42.

Case referred to FBI by CSC on basis of information appearing in files of HCUA, FBI and Office of Security, Department of State relative to activities of ST. CLAIR DRAKE believed identical with applicant, in connection with various organizations including CP sponsored functions, Socialist Youth League and others.

Applicant attended University of Chicago at various times between 1937 and 1954. At time of enrollment 10/4/37 he indicated home address as 515 North New Street, Staunton, Virginia.

Richmond conduct appropriate investigation at Staunton, Virginia.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (161-87)
SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE,
aka., St. Clair Drake
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT
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Re Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 10/4/61.

The following information was contained in an application executed by applicant at Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, apparently in 1941:

RICHMOND OFFICE

Permanent address (1941) 515 N. New Street, Staunton, Virginia - address of mother, Mrs. B. L. DRAKE. (Parents BESSIE LEE BOWLES and JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE.)

Attended Booker T. Washington High School, Staunton, Virginia - Graduated.

Teacher, Christianburg Institute, Cambria, Virginia, September, 1932 - June, 1935.

Attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Staunton, Virginia.

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CHICAGO OFFICE

Graduate Courses at the University of Chicago in Sociology and Anthropology. September, 1937 - September, 1938; September, 1938 - January, 1939; June, 1939 - September, 1939; September, 1941 - November, 1941.

Author, "Churches and Voluntary Associations Among Negroes in Chicago" (Mimeographed publication, 343 pages)

Employed by Carnegie Corporation, State of Illinois.

Director of Research, University of Chicago, W.P.A., September, 1938 - September, 1939.

Research Associate, 1940, Carnegie Corporation, Chicago.

1940 - 1941, Assistant Director of Research, University of Chicago Press.

1941 - Research Assistant, University of Chicago.

REFERENCES: [redacted] and [redacted]
University of Chicago.

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Inasmuch as these references were listed 20 years ago, specific leads are not being set out for Atlanta and Springfield to attempt to locate them. However, they are listed for the information of Chicago and New York as these Offices are working on the case.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

REFERENCE: [redacted]

Graduate Work, Urban Sociology, Columbia University, June, 1936 - August, 1936.

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Field Representative, June, 1931 - June, 1932, American

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Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia. (Tour of Southern States speaking for this organization during part of this period.)

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Traveled in 1924, Barbados, British West Indies, visiting relatives.

The above includes information not previously set out in referenced letter and enclosures.

ENCLOSURES TO RICHMOND

Copies of Bureau letter of instructions submitted with referenced Bureau letter and information taken from the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, etc., enclosed with referenced Bureau letter.

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FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (161-60)
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Aka St. Clair Drake
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT
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ReBulet to WFO, 10/4/61.

Enclosed for Richmond is copy of referenced Bulet
and copy of letter from Civil Service Commission for assistance
in conducting investigation.

Records of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., reflect
applicant's birth date as January 12, 1911, at Suffolk, Va.,
and address at time he entered that school as 515 N. New Street,
Staunton, Va.

Clerk of Court, Suffolk, Va., advised birth data
located at Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Va.

Richmond will conduct necessary investigation re
applicant at Richmond and Staunton, Va.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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ReBulet 10/4/61.

On 10/25/61.

Personnel Division, Peace Corps,
advised SA _____ that DRAKE is no longer
under consideration.

Discontinue.

WFO will submit RUC report.

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From: Director, FBI (161-1681)

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

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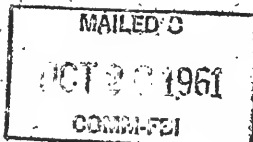
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WFO obtained information from PC that Drake is no
longer under consideration for position with PC. Discontinue.

All offices submit appropriate RUC communication.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/26/61

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (161-442) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Rebulet to Washington Field 10/4/61, and Washington
Field Airtel to Bureau, 10/25/61.

No investigation conducted Philadelphia Division
and no report being submitted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1681)

DATE: 10/27/61

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (161-176) - RUC -

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE
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BUDED: 11/3/61

Re Norfolk airtel to WFO 10/24/61, and Bureau airtel to Richmond, 10/26/61.

No investigation conducted at Richmond in this matter prior to receipt of discontinue airtel from Bureau.

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SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Re Norfolk airtel to Richmond 10/24/61, and
WFO airtel to Bureau 10/25/61.

WFO advised that on 10/25/61, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Personnel Division,
Peace Corps, advised SA [REDACTED]
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		CHARACTER OF CASE PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT	

REFERENCES:

Bureau letter to WFO, 10/4/61.
New Orleans airtel to the Bureau, 10/24/61.

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Field Office File No.: NO 161-87

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character: PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis: DRAKE taught sociology and anthropology at Dillard University, New Orleans, 1935-1937 and 1941-1942. File reflects he was born Suffolk, Va., 1/2/11 and gave his permanent residence as his mother's address, Mrs. B. L. DRAKE, 515 N. New St., Staunton, Va. File contains nothing unfavorable. Professors associating with him at that time regard him as person of good character and reputation and report nothing unfavorable regarding his loyalty to the U. S. Credit and identification agencies, New Orleans, contain no record identifiable with DRAKE.

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DETAILS: Following is investigation of SA [REDACTED]b6
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On October 23, 1961, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Dillard University, advised the files
of the university contain the following information:

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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE was born January 2, 1911, Suffolk, Virginia; was single; and gave his permanent address as that of his mother, Mrs. B. L. DRAKE, 515 North New Street, Staunton, Virginia. His education included graduation from Booker T. Washington High School, Staunton, Virginia, which he attended April, 1924 - June, 1927. He attended Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, majoring in biology and education, September 1927 - June, 1931, where he received a B. S. degree. DRAKE studied urban sociology at Columbia University, June, 1936 - August, 1936, and took graduate courses in sociology and anthropology at the University of Chicago from September, 1937 - January, 1939; June, 1939 - September, 1939; September, 1941 - November, 1941.

He was the author of the publication "Churches and Voluntary Associations Among Negroes in Chicago," a mimeographed publication of 343 pages.

DRAKE had been employed with the Carnegie Corporation in the State of Illinois and traveled to Barbados, British West Indies in 1924 visiting relatives.

From June, 1931 - June, 1932, he was a field representative on a speaking tour for the American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

From September, 1932 - June, 1935, DRAKE taught at Christianburg Institute, Cambria, Virginia.

From September, 1938 - September, 1939, he served as Director of Research for the University of Chicago and the W. P. A.

In 1940 he was Research Associate, Carnegie Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

From 1940 - 1941, DRAKE was Assistant Director of Research, University of Chicago Press.

In 1941 he was Research Associate at the University of Chicago.

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He listed as references [redacted]
and [redacted]
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[redacted] advised that they did not keep employment records on the instructors but from the university catalogs determined that Mr. DRAKE was listed as an instructor in sociology and anthropology during the 1935-1936, 1936-1937, and 1941-1942 school years.

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She stated that the file contained nothing unfavorable.

She informed that she did not recall him personally and that there were only two or three professors at the university at the present time who were there at the time he was employed.

[redacted] Dillard University, advised October 23, 1961, that he recalled DRAKE as a professor at the university but had not been associated with him since that time. From his recollection of DRAKE, he knew of nothing unfavorable and there had never been any question regarding his loyalty to the United States. Although he did not remember him too well, he recalled DRAKE made a good impression and was a person of good character and reputation. He stated that he knew of no affiliates or associates of Mr. DRAKE at the time he was there and he had not heard about him since he left.

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[redacted] advised October 21, 1961, that he came to Dillard in about 1937 or 1938 and did not recall DRAKE as an instructor although he recalled him being at the university in about 1941 and 1942.

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[redacted] stated that he talked with him at that time and also visited with him on a few occasions in Chicago.

[redacted] stated that DRAKE as far as he knew was a person of good character and reputation and he had no reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

He did not specifically recall any of the writings of DRAKE but regarded him as a "protest writer" who wrote

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of the oppression of the Negro. He knew of no affiliations of DRAKE but felt that because of his writing he had probably been approached by many groups and individuals who would attempt to gain his support. [] stated he knew of no specific contacts or associations of DRAKE.

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[] stated that he knew nothing unfavorable regarding the character or loyalty of Mr. DRAKE and from his impression of him would recommend him for a responsible position with the United States Government.

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[] Dillard University, advised October 23, 1961, that [] and that a Mr. DRAKE was employed as an instructor in sociology and anthropology in about 1935 and was so employed for three years. He stated that Dillard was being more or less formulated at the time and they sought DRAKE's services as a teacher. He stated that he is very intelligent and excellent in his field.

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[] stated that he regarded DRAKE highly at the time and remembered him as a person of excellent character and there was no question of his loyalty to the United States.

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Further, he stated that on occasion he would hear of Negroes who had become affiliated with certain groups of questioned loyalty but he had never heard anything unfavorable regarding DRAKE. He stated that he had not been associated with DRAKE since he was at Dillard or knew nothing of his employment or writings except that he heard that he was associated with the Rosenwald Fund.

[] added that from his knowledge of DRAKE during the time he was associated with him at Dillard University he would have no hesitancy in recommending him for a responsible position with the United States Government.

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A confidential informant acquainted with some phases of Communist Party activities in New Orleans advised on October 24, 1961, that DRAKE was unknown to him.

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Credit and Identification

On October 18, 1961, IC [redacted] checked with the following persons who informed him that there was no record identifiable with DRAKE in the files of their respective agencies:

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[redacted] Clerk, Identification
Bureau, New Orleans Police Department

[redacted] Clerk, Record Room,
New Orleans Police Department

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[redacted] Supervisor, New Orleans
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/31/61	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/6/26/61
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		CHARACTER OF CASE PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT	

REFERENCE

Bulet to WFO dated 10/4/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

This investigation was discontinued on October 25, 1961, based on information received from

Personnel Division, Peace Corps, who advised SA the applicant was no longer under consideration for employment by the Peace Corps and the investigation should be discontinued. She stated she would notify FBI Headquarters through official channels.

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Character:

PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER
DATED 06-10-2008

Synopsis:

Nothing additional AID or PC. No employment record Department of State. State Department security files reveal applicant rejected as unsuitable for grants under the Fulbright Program. Maritime Service record set forth. No record of voyages with Merchant Marines. No record Coast Guard Intelligence Division or Security Office Department of Commerce [redacted]

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(C) Information contained in the files of CSC and HCUA utilized. Passport record set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENT

Agency for International Development (AID)
(Formerly International Cooperation Administration, ICA)

On October 24, 1961, SA [redacted] reviewed the applicant's security file, AID, and this file contained no additional pertinent information.

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On October 24, 1961, [redacted] Clerk Personnel Files, AID, advised SA [redacted] he could locate no record indicating the applicant had ever been employed by AID or any of its predecessor agencies.

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On October 25, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] Personnel Division, Peace Corps, advised SA [redacted]
there was no personnel file for the applicant at the Peace
Corps inasmuch as he has not yet entered on duty. She said
she had no additional pertinent information concerning him.

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On October 24, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Department of State, advised SA [redacted]
she could locate no record indicating the applicant had
ever received a grant under any of the educational programs
administered by the Department of State. She mentioned her
search of available records covered the period from 1952
to the present time and records prior to 1952, have been destroyed.

On October 17, 1961, SA [redacted] reviewed
the applicant's file maintained at the Security Office,
Department of State. This file revealed that agency conducted
a number of name checks concerning the applicant for the
International Educational Exchange Service, Department of
State, since 1950, when he was under consideration for
grants under the Fulbright Program.

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The file reveals on March 28, 1950, he applied
for a grant to go to the British West Indies. On October 9,
1950, the Selection Committee of the Board of Foreign
Scholarships rejected him on the basis of unsuitability.

On April 7, 1961, his case was presented before
the full board of Foreign Scholarships and he was rejected
as unsuitable. The file reveals that Senator FULBRIGHT, who
was present at that time for the presentation. "asked for
the floor and stated that inasmuch as this was a government
program, sponsored by government funds, he saw no reason
for rewarding DRAKE, regardless of his color, because of
his being a conscientious objector. In addition, Senator
FULBRIGHT pointed out that DRAKE had had a previous scholar-
ship, and even though it had not been one which was sponsored
by the Department he did not feel that the Board should lean
over backwards in this case, because the applicant was
colored and approve him for another grant."

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